

HB 1783 -- Missouri Commission on Prevention and Management of Obesity

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This bill establishes the Missouri Commission on Prevention and Management of Obesity within the Department of Health and Senior Services to exist until August 28, 2014, when a report must be submitted to the Governor, the House Budget Committee, and the Senate Appropriations Committee regarding information about the economic burden of obesity, available programs and services, and the barriers to programs and services. The commission, whose membership is specified in the bill, must conduct data collection and analyzation regarding obesity in Missouri; list available programs, services, and funding; identify barriers to the prevention and management of obesity; and make recommendations that the state must implement to increase obesity prevention and management for Missourians along with their estimated costs. The commission must work with specified federal and state agencies to formulate a comprehensive approach to the treatment and prevention of obesity and obesity-related conditions.

The department may provide technical assistance to schools and school districts to create healthy school nutrition environments and must establish and maintain a resource databank containing obesity-related information which must be implemented by January 1, 2013.

The bill contains an emergency clause.